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Attending the Boy Scout Blue and Gold Banquet held last Thursday evening were, from the right, Rev. Edward Leonard, Cub Master; Ivey Holland, Institutional Chairman; Watt Abbitt, guest speaker and County Fund Raising Chairman; and Bill Neathawk, Pack Committee Chairman.

Blue And Gold Banquet Held

Cub Scout Pack 546 of Appomattox held its annual Blue and Godl Banquet on Thursday, February 24th at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Blue and Gold Banquet is held each February to mark the birthday anniversary of Scouting in the U. S. A. On February 8th the Boy Scouts of America celebrated its 67th year. The blue and gold colors of the Cub Scout uniforms was carried throughout the room. The table centerpieces were made by the boys.

Rev. Edward Leonard, Cub Master, opened the meeting with recognition awards to the den leaders, Hazel Mayberry, Linda Thorne, Brenda Thompson and Webelos leader Dave Dell. These leaders' meet weekly with the boys.

Mr. Watkins M. Abbitt spoke to the parents and boys on the future of America and the important role these boys will play in the future, in preserving our American way of life. Mr. Abbitt was introduced by the Pack Institutional Representative Ivey Holland.

Den 1 presented a skit centered around the birthday theme and American heritage, closing with sincere voices as they sang "God Bless America."

Den 11 shared with everyone what America meant to them. Followed by singing to the tune of "This Old Man" with adapted Cub Scout lyrics, and with voices and instruments joined together in singing "America The Beautiful." In closing, they prayed the "Our Father."

The Webelos Den presented a skit "Muscle Builders."

Advancement awards were presented to the following boys: Gary Long, 1 year pin; Jody Simpson, Bob Cat Badge; Scott Almond, Bob Cat Badge; Roger Steinkamp, Bear Badge and Gold Arrow; and Jody Simpson, Engineers Activity Badge.

Rev. Leonard thanked the Blue and Godl Committee as well as the parents for their support in helping the pack go.

Den II closed the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a "living circle" ceremony.

Initiated Into Alpha Lambda Delta

FARMVILLE, Feb. 22 - Beverly Dianne Harvey, a Longwood College freshman from Evergreen, will be initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, national scholastic honor society for freshman students, on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Harvey, Beverly is a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School. She is a home economics major working toward the bachelor of science degree.

Membership in Alpha Lambda Delta is based on superior scholastic attainment by students during their first year in college. Eligibility depends on the grades of one full semester or the cumulative average of one year.

Founded in 1839, Longwood became fully coeducational on June 1, 1976, offering residence hall accomodations and all attendant services to both male and female students. A general purpose institution, the college offers majors in 31 subject areas, as well as professional training for social work, business, the health sciences, and teaching.

MT. ZION BAPTIST NEWS

FEB. 23 Sunday was Services Day at Mt. Zion. Pastor Curtis Elliott was in charge. The Senior Choir gave lovely music. Rev. Elliott's sermon was deeply felt by all.

There was a large attendance including visitors and members. The spirit was high and the offering was very good. May God bless our pastor.

The Tot Choir will render music the third Sunday in March.

GIVE TO THE BOY SCOUTS

The Pastor Speaks

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Man often gets an outrageous view of his importance, as he grows economically or politically powerful in the small world in which he lives. His own importance is magnified in his own eye and often it is only in his view. Probably the exploration of space, if it served no other purpose, it made man aware of how small he is in respect to the Universe. Someone this week asked me if I believed that the space shots caused the change in weather. I reminded him that we were like a speck of dust in a barrel in comparison to the universe and God was still the controller of all weather. The French fishermans' prayer catches the attitude we should have. It begins with these words.

"God Thy sea is so great,
and my boat is so small"

The psalmist reminds us of the greatness of God.

"O Lord, how great are thy works, and thy thoughts are very deep." Psalm:92:5

Cecil Dalton
Appomattox Court House
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

MISSING THE POINT

Lesson for March 6, 1977

Background Scripture: Mark 10:35-45, Luke 10
Devotional Reading: Luke 10:30-37

Rev. Althouse

The request that James and John made of Jesus is almost unbelievable — at least until we remember that audacity has never been in short supply, even in the church. Nevertheless, James and John still tend to shock us:

"*Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you*" (Mark 10:35)

That by itself would be sufficient to cause the jaws to drop, how presumptuous to even make such a request, regardless of what they would ask! But their audacity seems to know no limits, for when Jesus responds with, "What do you want me to do for you?" they answer:

"*Grant us to sit one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory*" (Mark 10:37)

Imagine! Just a little favor, Lord: make us Vice Presidents in the Kingdom — First and Second Vice Presidents, that is!

You do not know what you ask

There is but one thing that we must hand these two men: they were certainly candid about their desires. In fact, it is probably this innocence mixed with their brashness that softens Jesus' reply: "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (10:38) And the breezy assurance with which they answer indicates that they really do not know what they are asking. "We are able."

Jesus' patient forbearance is almost as impressive as their arrogance is shocking, for instead of a stinging rebuke, it is a patient explanation which he gives to help them understand the issues they have raised. If Jesus had responded with some irritation or annoyance no one could have blamed him.

To us, of course, it is quite apparent that they did not understand what they were asking. For one thing, they apparently did not understand what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of God. They are still holding the traditional and popular concept of a temporal kingdom with secular power, military might, and a royal court. Somehow they had missed the point: the kingdom of God was really the kingdom within, a kingdom of man's spirit, of God's rule in the heart.

Not so among you

Secondly, they obviously misunderstood what discipleship meant. They seemed to think it meant being in on the "ground floor" for status and power in the kingdom. They thought in terms of rank, whereas Jesus emphasized not rank but service: "...whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (10:43).

Thirdly, they did not comprehend the kind of power which would bring in God's kingdom. They thought of power that would compel with force, whereas Jesus spoke of the power of love and self-denial: "For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (10:45).

From our vantage point, we wonder how James and John could have so badly missed the point, for to us it seems so obvious.

Can it be that we still miss the point?

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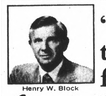
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Dollar Volume Increase Shown By Southern States

Southern States Cooperative's dollar volume for the first 6 months of the 1976-77 fiscal year showed a 24% increase as compared with the same period last year. All commodity divisions also showed increases for the period.

This was reported by C. F. Bahen, vice president and controller of the cooperative to the regional board conference of local agricultural leaders and young farmers held at Lexington on February 22.

A total of 62 of these meetings are being held this month by the cooperative across the states of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Bahen told the session that the cooperative's volume reached $145,042,000 for the first half of the fiscal year as compared with $116,744,000 a year ago. Net savings for the period was $5,324,000 as compared with $2,889,000 the year before (both dollar volume and net savings for the previous 6-month period was below normal).

Feed volume was 288,000 tons, up 14% over the 251,000 tons moved during the same period last year. Fertilizer increased 16% from 168,000 tons a year ago to 195,000 tons. Dollar volume for seed was $4,787,000, up 12% over last year's $4,291,000 figure. Farm supplies gained 14%, from $21,053,000 to $24,084,000, and Petroleum climbed from 76,225,000 gallons a year ago to 109,268,000, an increase of 43%.

Grain marketing, with a fiscal year beginning June 1 instead of July 1, had a dollar volume for the first 7 months of $55,761,000 compared with $53,547,000 the year before. This was an increase in dollars of 4%, but the number of bushels handled was up 6.5% to 18,347,000.

Following the operations report, the members and users of the cooperative voiced their judgments on its success in meeting farmer needs.

"The purpose of this series of meeting," Bahen said, "is to give us an opportunity to meet with a relatively small group of agricultural leaders at the community level and to report on the cooperative's operations, activities and future planning. At the same time, we also get a better understanding of farmers' needs and problems and can identify those areas where the organization can better serve its patrons and members."

Also participating in the session were Eldridge Sanderson of Carlersville, a member of the cooperative's board of directors, and R. R. Feagans of Roanoke, the association's regional manager.

Attending the session from the Lexington area were: Ronald Coleman and Dan G. Coleman, co-managers of Coleman and Sons; H. W. Coleman, Pamplin; and Edwin Anderson and Twyman Nash of Appomattox.

Virginia Fibre Lists Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation in Riverville for the week ending February 20, 1977. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	$2,280.15
Amelia	766.04
Amherst	8,808.53
Appomattox	13,088.25
Augusta	
Bedford County	2,249.42
Buckingham	15,937.89
Lunenburg	1,196.87
Campbell	5,629.00
Charlotte	1,880.43
Cumberland	5,815.83
Goochland	1,746.38
Nelson	14,388.28
New Kent	2,547.41
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